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A GROUP OF 12 AMERICANS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY SET OUT WITH DON MCCLANEN OF "MINSTRY OF MONEY" (AN APPROPRIATELY INAPPROPRIATE NAME) ON A "REVERSE MISSION" TO THE THIRD WORLD. THE IDEA BEING THAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM – OF THEIR PAIN, BUT ALSO OUR OWN. 2/3'S OF THE WORLD LIVES IN POVERTY, BUT THERE IS ALSO A POVERTY OF SPIRITUAL VALUES IN THE WEST. WE ARE SLAVES, IN A WAY, TO OUR OWN MATERIALISM, AND WE CAN SHARE MUCH MORE THAN WE DO WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD. IF THIS SOUNDS FUZZY INTELLECTUALLY, IT WAS SPIRITUALLY PROFOUND FOR ALL OF US.

PLEASE FORGIVE INK BLOTS, KIDS' FINGERPRINTS, RAINDROPS AND SLAPDASH DRAWINGS AND TEXT. THE BOOK WAS DONE ON THE SPOT AND ON THE RUN.

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EDITORIAL

Every so often we are touched by the story of someone who finds it necessary to explore the assumptions which undergird his or her daily actions. Sandy Huffacre's journal is such a story. His journey to some of the neediest people in the world led him to explore the parameters of his life. He begins to address questions which face people of all faiths: not only *how are we living*, but *why, and for what reason?* The author felt he had to explore the materialism and "success" of his own life in the context of his Christianity and the larger suffering of many people in the world.

Fellowship in Prayer presents the journal of this trip as a special issue of our publication.

The nationally known cartoonist Sandy Huffacre went on this journey in the fall of 1985 as a personal exploration. As a cartoonist, his journal allows us to not only hear about, but also to see the places and people he met. But more exciting even than the accounts and pictures of places, this journal gives us the chance to witness the individual journey of one man toward God. His experience becomes a journey with relevant questions for all of us. We all struggle with the question *how do we practice our faith in the real world?* What did Christ mean when he said, *Lay down the world and follow me,* or Buddha mean when he talked about the necessity for detaching ourselves from affective desires, or the Tao Teh Ching mean when it says, *By not living for themselves, hence they live forever?*

Sandy's journal presents a record of one man's struggle with these questions.

A PILGRIMAGE OF "REVERSE MISSION"

October 31-December 2, 1985
Africa/Asia

THE CALL: We feel that it is not enough for the churches of America to send some of their highly motivated, educated and sensitized persons to work in the refugee camps of the world. Those camps exist because in our world "compassion has been sent into exile." Compassion is not born of an educated mind alone. It is born of an educated heart as well. If our civilization is to survive, we have to begin the work of education of the emotions. I don't know of any other institution except the church that has the possibility of undertaking that work. We must begin to expose more than missionary types to the poor of other lands—their needs, their sorrows. It is not enough to send professional relief workers, or the young between jobs, or out of jobs. We have to begin to tap the shoulders of executives in multinational corporations, in government agencies and other places of power and say, "Look, there are places and people in this world that need your labor and your love. Will you spend a month out of your life for a world that needs you?" *—Elizabeth O'Connor*

THE PURPOSE:

I. We go as a group of affluent and influential Christian leaders, consistent with the basic purposes and objectives of the Ministry of Money itself: (1) to grow in discipleship, (2) to deepen our sense of compassion, and (3) to add a fresh global reach to Christian stewardship

II. We go as a unique, privileged Christian group, humbly acknowledging the fact we are wealthy (at least on relative global terms) and influential, which means we have an unusual opportunity and responsibility to witness, serve and raise consciousness in a sinful, selfish and greedy world. We seek to become agents of reconciliation between the rich and poor for the church and the world.

III. We go to learn and to give first and foremost of ourselves to others. The message and lesson of others who have gone before us is that we will learn and receive far more than we give as we touch God's suffering world in new and different ways. We trust that the psychological "shell of isolation" often unconsciously created by our materialistic and consumer society will be broken.

IV. We go with the awareness that the cultural shock we seek in the suffering and broken refugees and poorest of the poor in Third World countries will have varying effects on us for the rest of our lives. By rendering ourselves "out of control" and powerless for this period of time, we hope to be loved and converted into a new Christian wholeness of gratitude, joy and humility, to be God's servants and stewards in vital, new ways among the poor and wealthy of the world. (I Peter 4:13)

V. We are going not only for continued personal conversion, but also for a new and growing awareness of ourselves as First World oppressors, to discover ways in which we might bring about changes in evil structures and systems. How can we touch the evil within and corporately around us in society? How can we forgive the enemy (personal and corporate) and learn to love them? How can we become instruments of God's justice and concern for equality for all God's created order with a new dimension of fidelity, tranquility and healing power?

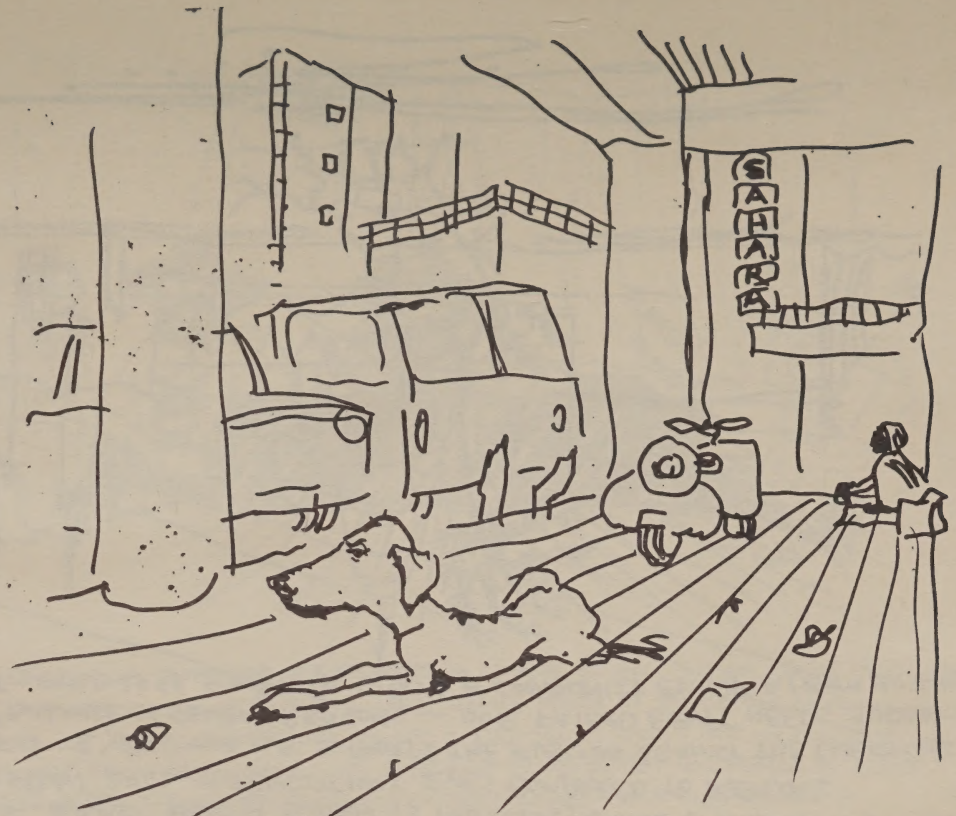
VI. We hopefully go more out of gratitude than guilt to enter an experience of "reverse mission", to learn and be taught by those for whom God is most concerned, and about whom in final judgement we will be asked, "What have you done for the least of these my children?"

DAY 1. "THE AIRPORT MEETING"

MY BIGGEST FEAR ON THE TRIP WAS NOT DISEASE, DEATH OR POVERTY— IT WAS MEETING THE GROUP! MY PROBLEMS WITH "CHURCHY" PEOPLE, SHYNESS + GROUPS IN GENERAL. BUT AFTER SOME INITIAL BAD IMPRESSIONS, I LIKED EVERYONE. REAL PEOPLE!!! EVEN THE 5 FROM REAGAN'S OLD CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA!

DAY 2: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

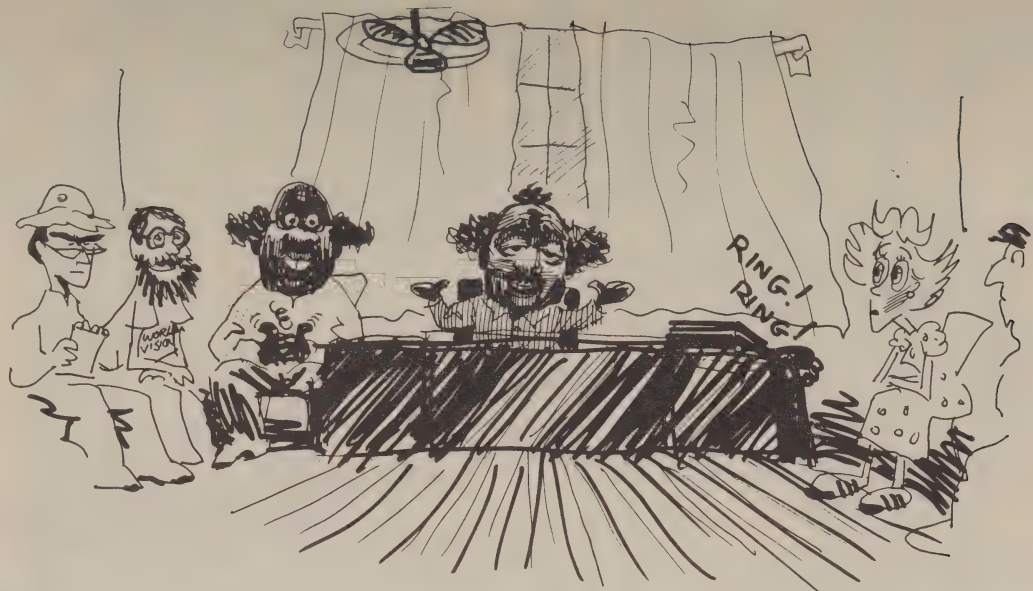
MIKE + I SIT + LISTEN TO **COLET** OF AMSTERDAM, HANGING ON EVERY DEEP AND IMAGINATIVE WORD: HER CHASTISEMENT + FORGIVENESS FROM MOTHER TERESA, HER INABILITY TO BE SPIRITUALLY HELD BY ANY CHURCHES' DOGMA OR ANY MANS LOVE, LOSING HER SENSE OF "THE REAL" ON RETURNING TO WESTERN CULTURE, HER WORK WITH DRUG ADDICTS + PROSTITUTES IN AMSTERDAM, HER WORK AS A BARTENDER IN AN ALL MALE BAR, THE <u>HUMANITY</u> SHARED WITH THOSE DYING IN INDIA WHICH WAS MORE REAL THAN HAVING MUCH IN COMMON WITH A FRIEND. SHE WAS BOLDLY HONEST, FULL OF LIFE (AND PAIN), SEARCHING LIKE A BANDIT, AND TOTALLY UNAFRAID WHERE GOD'S TRUTH MIGHT LEAD HER. I NEED THAT!



KHARTOUM, SUDAN - 1ST DAY

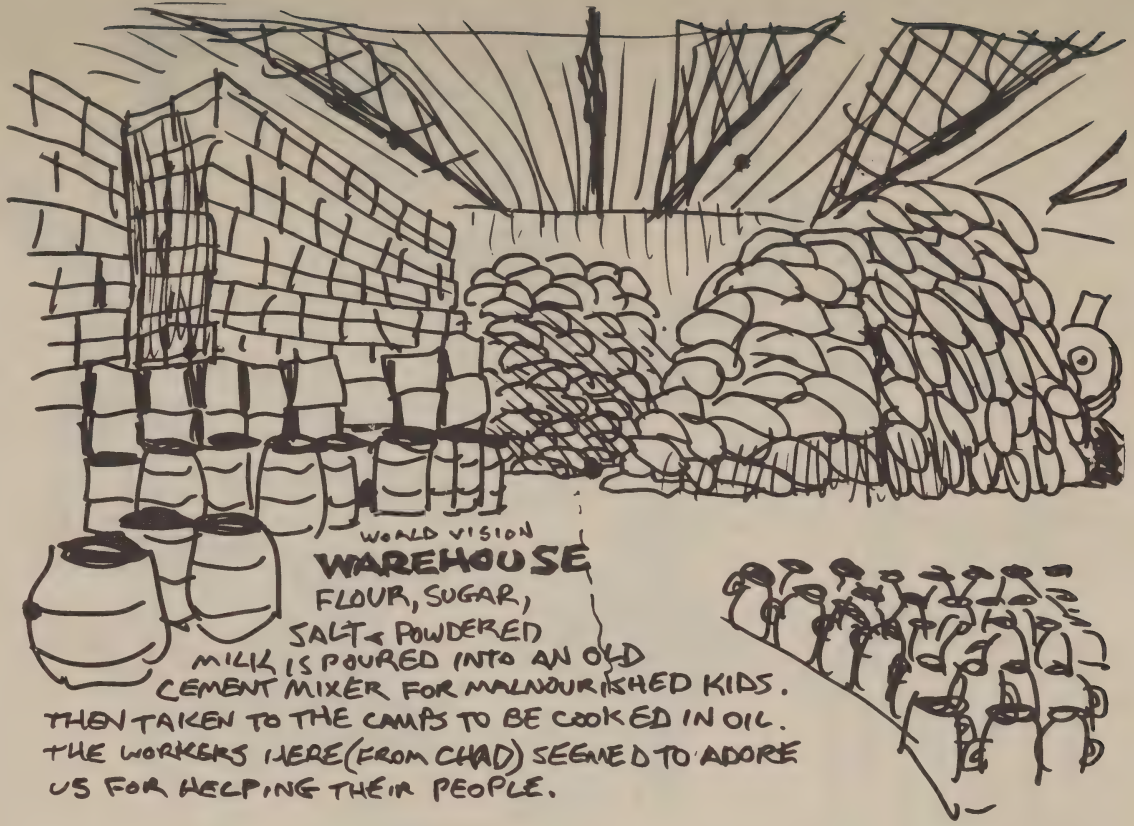
DOGS LIKE PEOPLE — AFRAID, SUSPICIOUS OF STRANGERS + POSSIBLY HOSTILE...

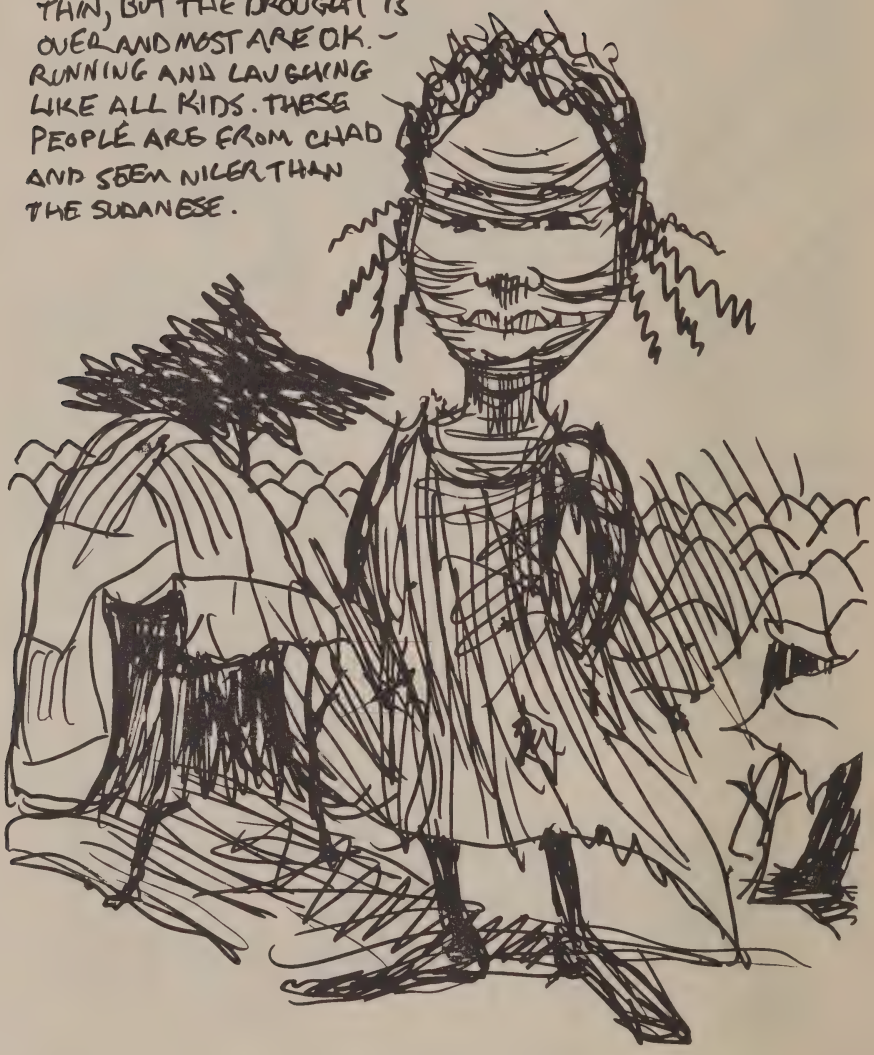
EXOTIC, BIZARRE, HOT, DUSTY, EXCITING! HALF-AFRICA + HALF-ARAB. NORTH SUDAN IS MUSLIM, WHILE THE SOUTH IS CHRISTIAN. DULL, SUPERSTITIOUS EYES COMPARED TO KENYA'S JOYFUL EYES. THE U.S. SUPPORTS THE MUSLIMS AGAINST THE CHRISTIANS FOR "BALANCE OF POWER" REASONS — OUR FRIEND EGYPT NEEDS SUDAN OR IT WOULD LOSE POWER TO LIBYA + COMMUNIST ETHIOPIA (BOTH MUSLIM).



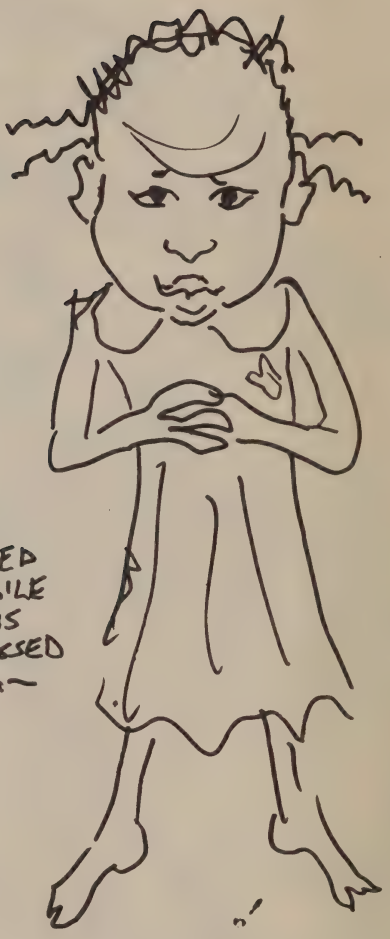
WE MEET SUDAN'S **MINISTER OF REFUGEES**—IN CHARGE OF ALL SUDAN RELIEF PROGRAMS. HE DOESN'T SEEM THE TYPE TO SPEND WORLD RELIEF MONEY ON HIS STABLE OF ROLLS ROYCES. VERY KIND AND SEEMED HONEST. HIS POINTS: ① SUDAN IS KNOWN FOR ITS CORDIALITY— LETTING PEOPLE FROM CHAD, ETHIOPIA, ETC. ENTER & GET RELIEF ② BUT NOW, PEOPLE IN RELIEF CAMPS LIVE BETTER THAN MOST SUDANESE IN THOSE AREAS— AND THEY RESENT IT. ③ MANY REFUGEES STAY ON BECAUSE OF POLITICS AT HOME, AND TAKE JOBS AT LOWER PAY FROM THE SUDANESE— POSSIBLE CAUSE FOR CONFLICTS TO COME!

TODAY WE GO TO WAD MEDANI REFUGEE CAMP FOR OUR FIRST CONTACT WITH THE HORROR. PAT/LESLIE AND KENT/BETH MARRIAGES SHOW CRACKS AS REALITY NEARS. GLORIA AND BETTY, WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN, AND NANCY, WHO LOST A HUSBAND SHORTLY AFTER MARRIAGE, EXPRESS GREAT FEAR OF GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THAT PAIN AGAIN. MIKE AND I, VETERANS OF THE THIRD WORLD, FEAR WE WILL BE SMUG AND SUPERIOR AND NOT FEEL. BERNIE STILL DOESN'T KNOW HE IS ON A TRIP.


WORLD VISION
WAREHOUSE
FLOUR, SUGAR,
SALT & POWDERED
MILK IS POURED INTO AN OLD
CEMENT MIXER FOR MALNOURISHED KIDS.
THEN TAKEN TO THE CAMPS TO BE COOKED IN OIL.
THE WORKERS HERE (FROM CHAD) SEEMED TO ADORE
US FOR HELPING THEIR PEOPLE.

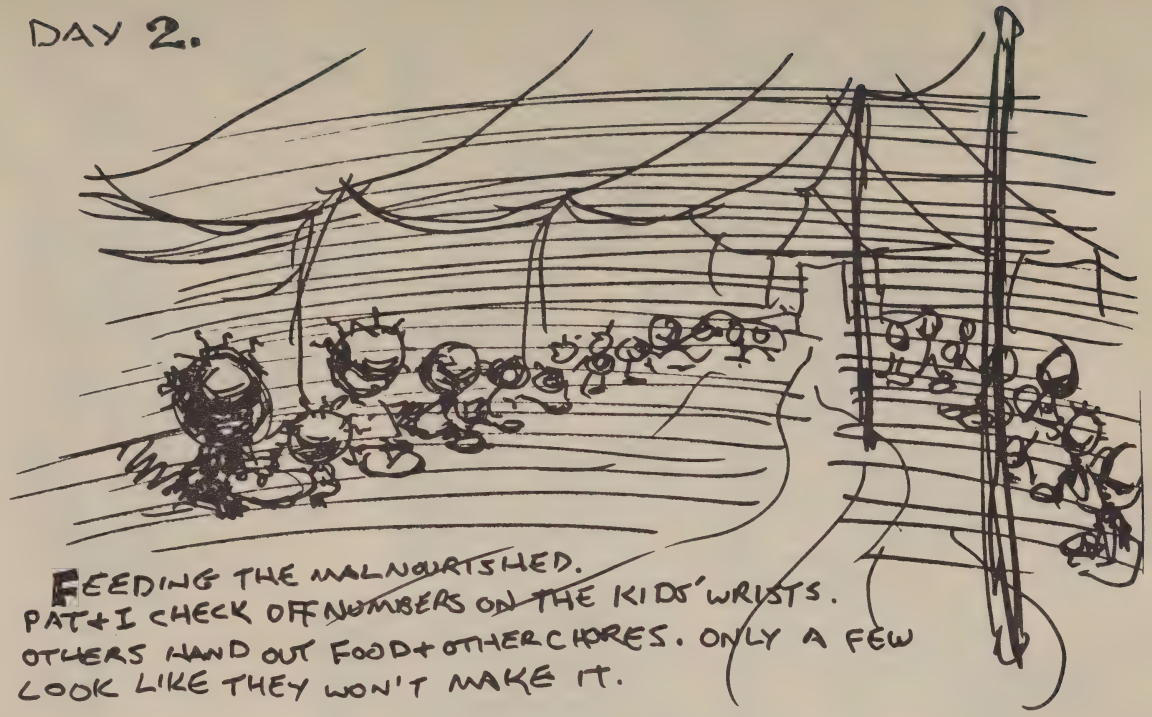

NO HORROR- KIDS WERE THIN, BUT THE DROUGHT IS OVER AND MOST ARE OK. - RUNNING AND LAUGHING LIKE ALL KIDS. THESE PEOPLE ARE FROM CHAD AND SEEM NICER THAN THE SUDANESE.

SORE ON HIS
LIP. A BIT SICK
LOOKING.

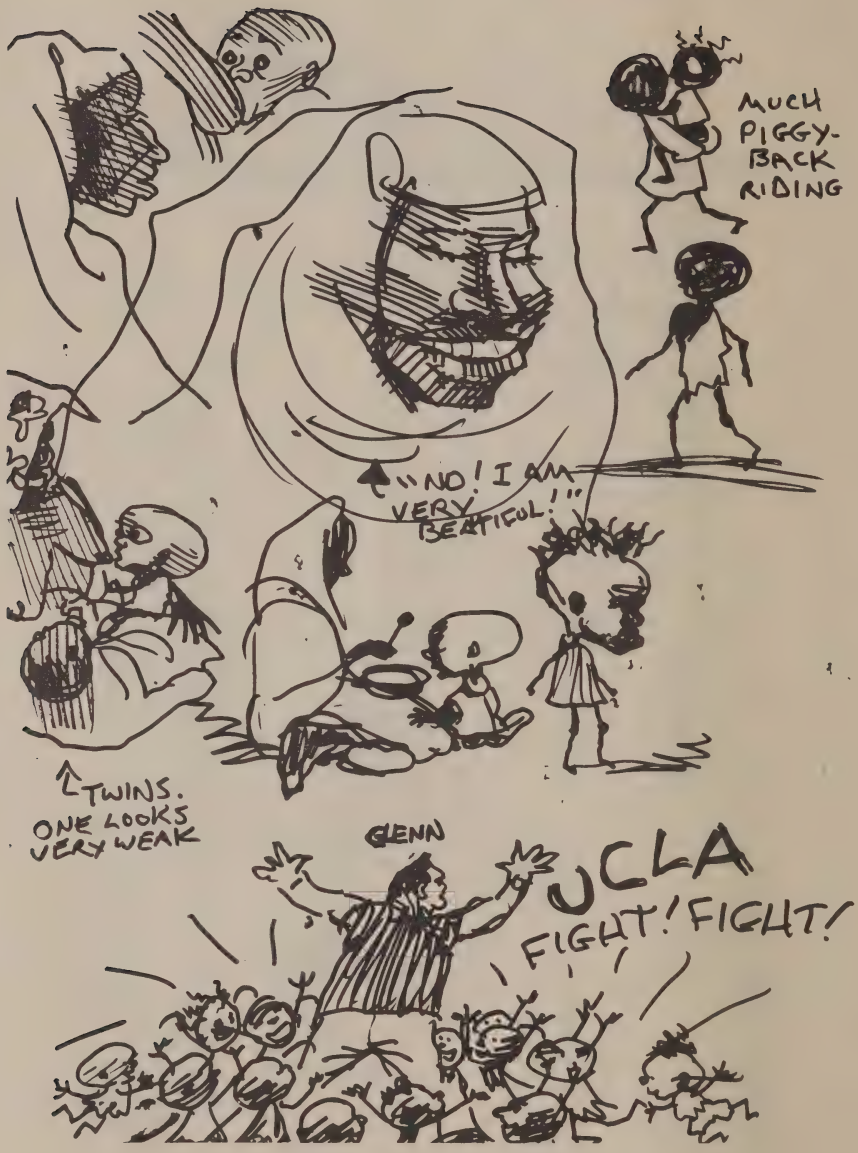


MAYBE A HUNDRED KIDS AROUND WHILE I DREW—SHE IS REAL EMBARRASSED UNTIL I FINISH—THEN PROUD! MY FAVORITE LITTLE PERSON.

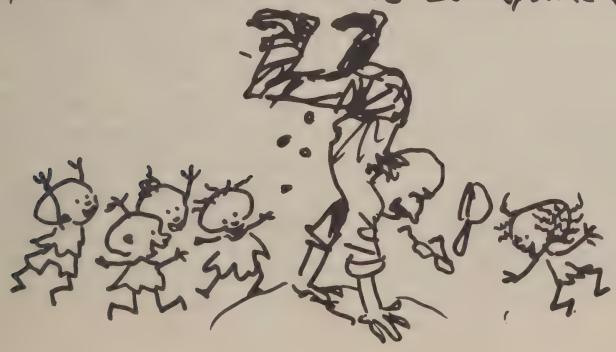
DAY 2.



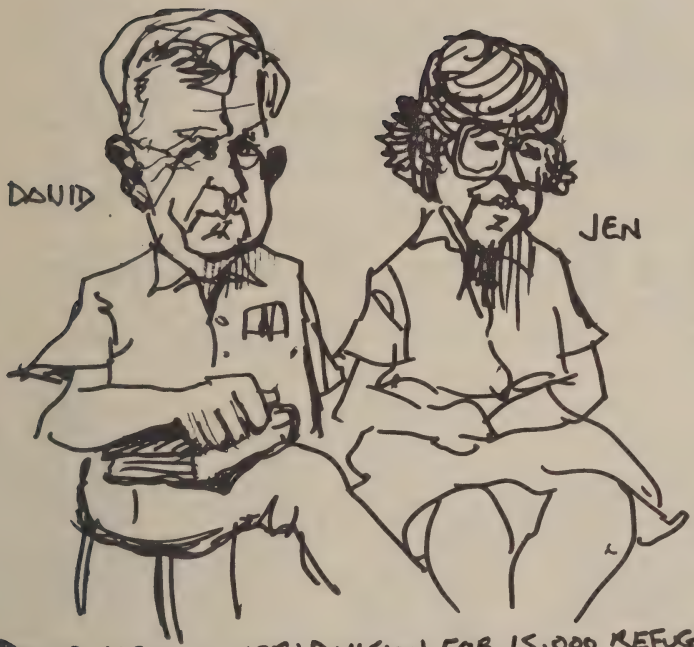
FEEDING THE MALNOURTSHED.
PAT+I CHECK OFF NUMBERS ON THE KIDS' WRISTS.
OTHERS HAND OUT FOOD+OTHER CHORES. ONLY A FEW
LOOK LIKE THEY WON'T MAKE IT.


MUCH PIGGY-BACK RIDING
"NO! I AM VERY BEAUTIFUL!"
TWINS. ONE LOOKS VERY WEAK
GENN
UCLA
FIGHT! FIGHT!

INCREDIBLE DAY. WE JUST PLAYED WITH KIDS ALL DAY. LOVE + LAUGHTER FLOWING FROM KIDS TO US + BACK AGAIN. SERIOUS ADULTS BECAME SILLY LITTLE KIDS! LOTS OF HUGS + HANDHOLDING — I HAD ABOUT 40 HANDS HELD AT ONCE. I WALKED ON MY HANDS AND THE KIDS WENT NUTS — THEN AFTER, A LITTLE BOY TUGGED AT ME AND HELD OUT HIS HAND FULL OF CHANGE I HAD DROPPED — 2 OTHERS DUSTED MY REAR. LOVE EXPLODES EVERYWHERE!!!

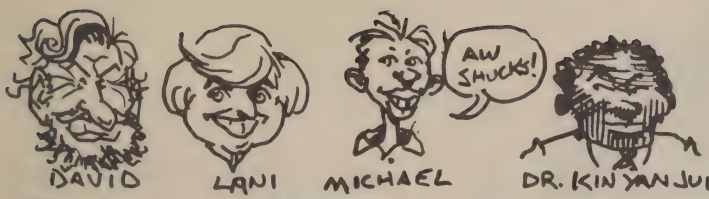


THE MORE I THINK ABOUT THE SPONTANEOUS "LOVE IN" THAT HAPPENED WITH THE KIDS IN THE CAMP, THE MORE I THINK IT WAS A MINOR MIRACLE. THE WORLD VISION PEOPLE SAID WE TURNED THE CAMP "UPSIDE DOWN" INCLUDING THE MUSLIM HELP. "WE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME" SAID JEN (THE HEAD). IT WAS AS IF THESE SUFFERING KIDS WERE PENT UP WITH JOY WAITING TO BE RELEASED. JOY TO BE ALIVE! THEIR CURIOSITY WAS BLAZINGLY INTENSE. THEY MADE SILLY KIDS OUT OF NORMALLY SOBER ADULTS. ARNIE (WORLD VISION) SAID WE TAUGHT HIM THAT MAYBE THEY HAD BECOME SO TOUGHENED BY DEALING WITH THE "NUTS & BOLTS" OF THE CAMP OPERATION THAT THEY MAY HAVE LOST SIGHT OF SOMETHING — JOY + MUTUAL HUMANITY. SO MAYBE WE DID SOMETHING GOOD IN A TOTALLY SPONTANEOUS SPIRITUAL WAY. IT WAS CERTAINLY GOOD FOR US. IN A SENSE IT WAS UNFAIR OF US TO RECIEVE THIS JOY — THE "NUTS & BOLTS" PEOPLE EARNED IT. WE WERE JUST PASSING THROUGH.



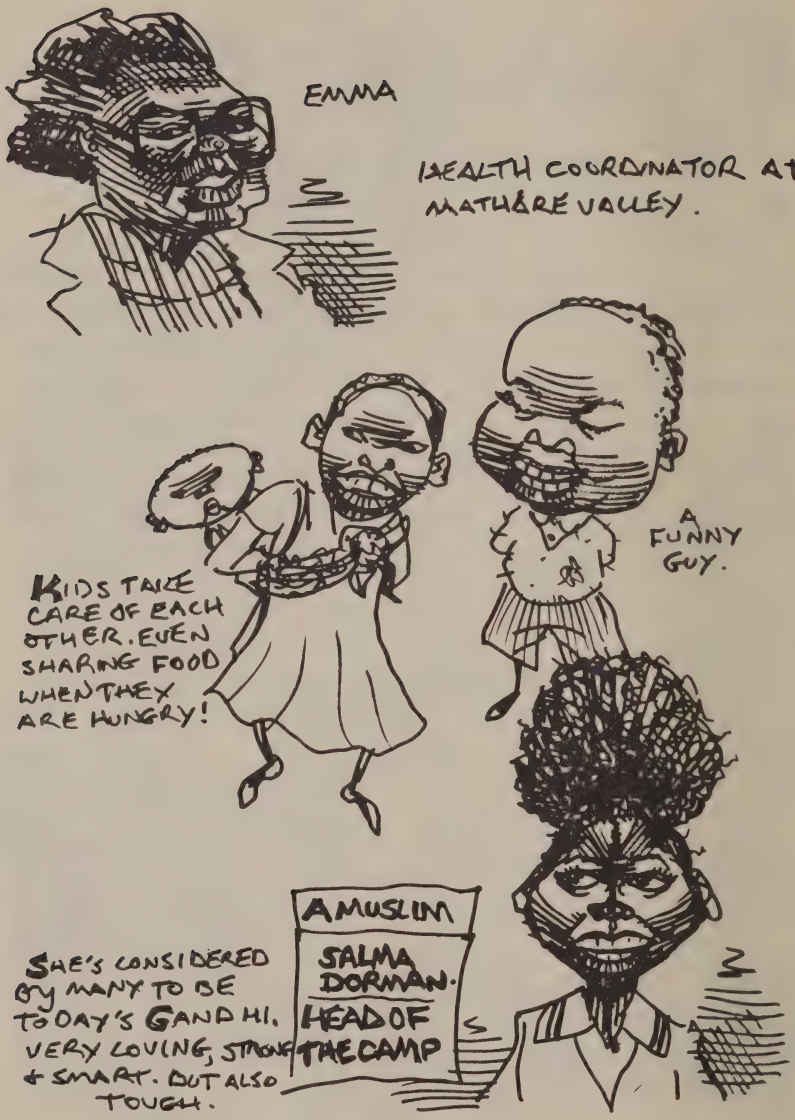
DAVID, HEAD OF WORLDVISION FOR 15,000 REFUGEES IN SUDAN. HIS POINTS: ① THE FINE LINE BETWEEN HELPING THE TRULY NEEDY, AND CREATING BEGGARS. HE'D LIKE TO CUT OFF THE FREE FOOD NOW & GET PEOPLE BACK TO WORK ② WATER PROGRAMS ARE #1 NEED, BUT GOVERNMENT IS PROUD & DOESN'T WANT TOO MUCH "WHITE" HELP. ③ AFTER PRAYING FOR A MIRACLE TO HELP 80,000 REFUGEES IN ANOTHER PROGRAM WHERE THERE WAS NO TRUST OR PROGRESS, IT CAME! A WHITE HELPER GAVE HIS BLOOD DIRECTLY TO AN INJURED BLACK WOMAN — WORD SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE — WHOLE CAMP TURNED AROUND & WAS SELF-SUFFICIENT IN A FEW MONTHS!!! LOVE.

NAIROBI, KENYA
NIGHT FLIGHT FROM AFRICA'S WORST TO AFRICA'S BEST.
CAW-CAW
HOTEL BACK YARD



FOUR MORE INCREDIBLE PEOPLE. SO MANY GREAT IDEAS I CAN'T ASSIMILATE THEM ALL. THIS TRIP NEVER LETS UP. LANI HAD GREAT IDEAS ABOUT WHAT I COULD DO HERE. MY REASON FOR BEING HERE IS SHAPING UP. DR. KINYANJUI – A MARTIN LUTHER KING TYPE – TALKS MATTER-OF-FACTLY ABOUT GOD'S PRESENCE IN SHAPING THE COUNTRY – BRILLIANT & HAS AMAZING CREATIVE-SPIRITUAL SOLUTIONS FOR PROBLEMS HERE. MICHAEL – COUNTRY QUAKER FROM NORTH CAROLINA – SENT HERE BY IBM TO "CHECK THE SITUATION IN AFRICA" – JUST HANG OUT & OBSERVE (IT SEEMS LIKE). DAVID & LANI SENT HERE TO WORK OUT WHATEVER PROGRAMS THEY THINK ARE NEEDED – THEY IMPROVISE AS THEY GO ALONG.

GOING TO SEE THE **MATHARE VALLEY** – A SQUATTERS' CAMP OUTSIDE NAIROBI. 100,000 – 500,000 PEOPLE HERE. THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD!


EMMA
HEALTH COORDINATOR AT MATHARE VALLEY.
A FUNNY GUY.
KIDS TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER. EVEN SHARING FOOD WHEN THEY ARE HUNGRY!
A MUSLIM
SALMA DORMAN. HEAD OF THE CAMP
SHE'S CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE TODAY'S GANDHI. VERY LOVING, STRONG & SMART. BUT ALSO TOUGH.

① FED & SERVED THE KIDS
② TOURED THEIR SMALL INDUSTRIES (WEAVING MAINLY)
③ MET WITH CAMP LEADERS
④ WORKED WITH A HANDICAPPED & RETARDED CHILD AT HIS HOME. IT HAS TAKEN **1 YEAR** OF WORK FOR HIM TO SIT UP AND LEARN TO SWALLOW PROPERLY. SLOW, IMPOSSIBLE WORK.

THE WORST URBAN POVERTY I HAVE EVER SEEN. QUITE DEPRESSING.

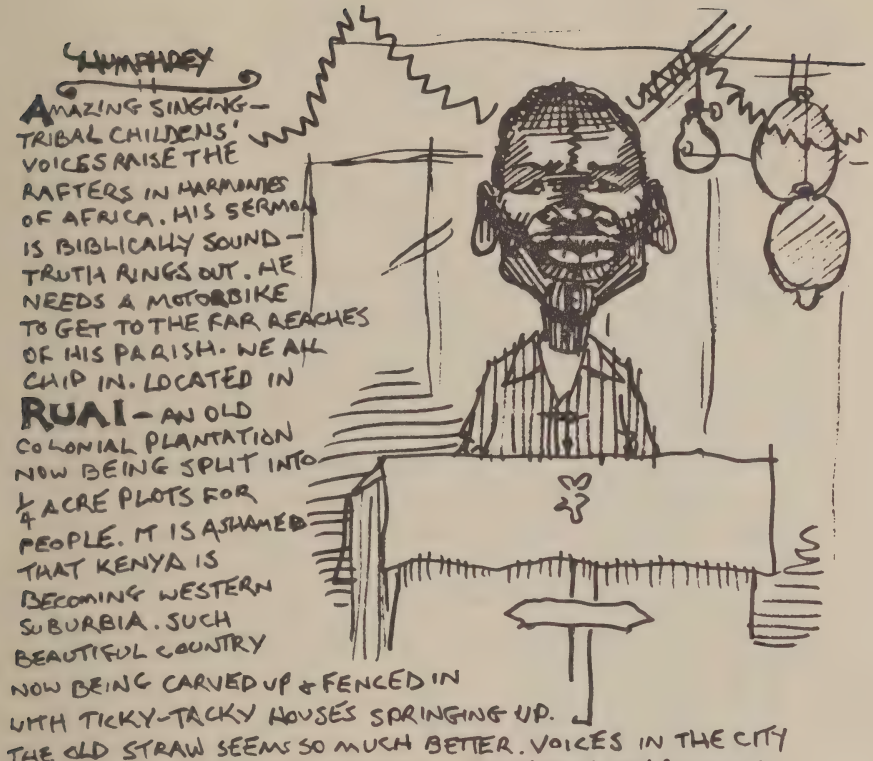
WORLD'S HIGHEST BIRTHRATE! AVERAGE OF 8 CHILDREN!!

SAT. NOV 9

FREE DAY IN NAIROBI. SHOPPED. ATE SWAHILI FOOD. HEARD MUSIC (MORE WESTERN THAN TRIBAL). RUBBED ELBOWS WITH THE FOLKS. CAPITALIST PIGS ALL!

SUNDAY.

WE GO TO HUMPHREY SIKUKU'S CHURCH. HIS CONGREGATION IS TOO POOR FOR MEDICAL HELP, SO HE'S HEAVILY INTO FAITH HEALING. HE HEALED A FEMALE WITCH DOCTOR LAST WEEK, AND SHE IS SUPPOSED TO BE HERE TODAY.


HUMPHREY
AMAZING SINGING — TRIBAL CHILDENS' VOICES RAISE THE RAFTERS IN HARMONIES OF AFRICA. HIS SERMON IS BIBLICALLY SOUND — TRUTH RINGS OUT. HE NEEDS A MOTORBIKE TO GET TO THE FAR REACHES OF HIS PARISH. WE ALL CHIP IN. LOCATED IN
RUAI — AN OLD COLONIAL PLANTATION NOW BEING SPLIT INTO ¼ ACRE PLOTS FOR PEOPLE. IT IS ASHAMED THAT KENYA IS BECOMING WESTERN SUBURBIA. SUCH BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY NOW BEING CARVED UP & FENCED IN WITH TICKY-TACKY HOUSES SPRINGING UP.
THE OLD STRAW SEEMS SO MUCH BETTER. VOICES IN THE CITY ARE INFLUENCED BY ROCK MUSIC (STEEL GUITARS, ETC.) — LOSING THAT GREAT TRIBAL SOUND FOR ROCK 'N' NOISE!!

QUIET TIME WAS MUCH NEEDED. THE REASON I WAS ATTRACTED TO THE QUAKERS. EVERYONE HAS BEEN SO BUSY SAYING SWEET BUT SOMEHOW MEANINGLESS THINGS TO EACH OTHER WITH SUCH COMPULSION, THAT I FELT I WAS GOING TO O.D. ON SUGAR. NOW WE FACE OUR INNER SELVES WHERE GOD IS. I FEEL **ABANDONED** BY GOD. I WAS LED HERE & CAME ON FAITH — I HAD A SPECIAL FEELING FROM KENYA 10 YEARS AGO, BUT I DON'T FEEL IT THIS TRIP. I DON'T WANT TO LIVE HERE — I DON'T BELONG. I FEEL DISAPPOINTED IN MYSELF & IN GOD RIGHT NOW.

SUNDAY QUIET TIME...
MENNONITE GUEST HOUSE

TURKANA!

IN NORTHERNMOST KENYA

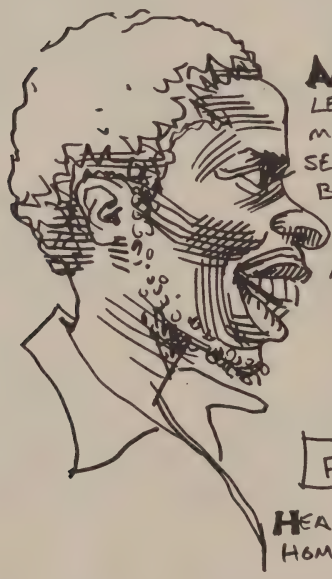
"THE GREAT ADVENTURE"

PAT, MICHAEL, GLENN & I ARE TO FLY IN A SMALL PLANE FOR 3 HOURS (NORTH) TOMORROW TO TURKANA IN THE DESERT. DESERTED CHILDREN OF NOMADS ARE THERE PLUS POSSIBLE DANGER — A PEACE CORPS WORKER WAS KILLED BY A HIPPO RECENTLY AND LAKE TURKANA IS KNOWN FOR HAVING THE LARGEST CROCODILES IN THE WORLD. OUR FLIGHT HAS ALREADY BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER. WE ARE TO STAY 3 DAYS. DR. LOUIS LEAKEY FOUND THE SKULL OF THE EARLIEST MAN HERE! TO ADD TO THE FUN, WE HAVEN'T HEARD WHETHER THEY KNOW WE ARE COMING OR NOT.

THE LOBBY OF RENT-A-PLANE, LTD.

RENT-A-PLANE
AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING SERVICES
5Y-SSS
OUR PLANE
THE PILOT'S NAME IS "SHECKY" - UH-OH!
RUBE GOLDBERG WOULD BE PROUD!
AFTER GETTING GLENN'S WEIGHT (260 LBS) BALANCED, WE LEFT FOR LAKE TURKANA (FORMERLY LAKE RUDOLPH)

"CUSTOMS" AT TURKANA

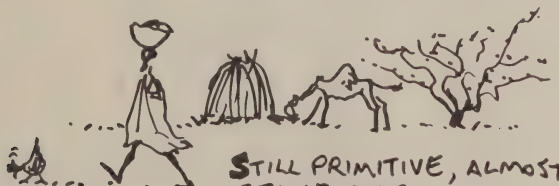


AGAIN THE STRESS ON LESS FREE FOOD AND MORE INITIATIVE + SELF-SUPPORT TRAINING. BASKETS HERE ARE THE BEST IN THE WORLD, BUT NO WAY TO GET THEM TO MARKETS.

FRANCIS

HEAD OF CHILDRENS HOME — 72 KIDS NOW.

KALOKOL - A TOWN NOT ON THE MAPS. THE PILOTS HAD TO FIND IT BY LANDMARKS.



STILL PRIMITIVE, ALMOST STONE AGE.

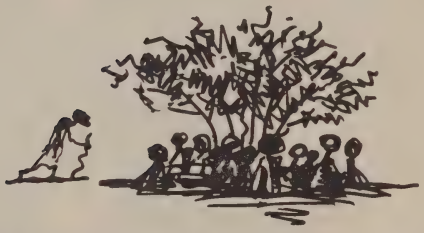
MET MORE OF THOSE AMAZINGLY SELFLESS PEOPLE WHITE + BLACK WHO LIVE IN THE HORRIBLE HEAT ONLY TO HELP THESE PEOPLE. 727 KIDS IN SCHOOL HERE WITH 21 TEACHERS, VARIOUS MISSIONARIES + NURSE. HEAVILY QUAKER, BUT WITH PREACHERS.

ANOTHER "HAPPENING" LAST NIGHT. THE KIDS WERE SERENADING US UNDER THE MOST VIVID STARS I HAVE EVER SEEN. BILLIONS OF THEM TWINKLING + SHOOTING. WE WERE IN AWE. LIGHTNING FLASHES IN THE DISTANCE!

ONE GIRL WAS THEN BITTEN BY A SCORPION (NONE HAVE SHOES). SHE PUT A TOURNIQUET AROUND HER LEG. OTHER KIDS CARRIED HER TO THE HOSPITAL, HURTING WITH HER. SHE'S FINE NOW.

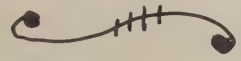
SUNRISE
AT
KALOKOL

BASKET-MAKING CENTER.



THE HANDICAPPED. THEY ARE REJECTED BY THEIR PEOPLE AND SORT OF WANDER AROUND UNTIL DEATH. HERE, BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO OLD OR DEFORMED TO WORK, THEY DON'T GET TO EAT. SO THEY SIT & WAIT TO DIE. SOMETIMES FOOD TRICKLES DOWN TO THEM, BUT NOT MUCH. SO LITTLE MONEY. THE **SADDEST** THING I'VE SEEN ON THE TRIP YET.

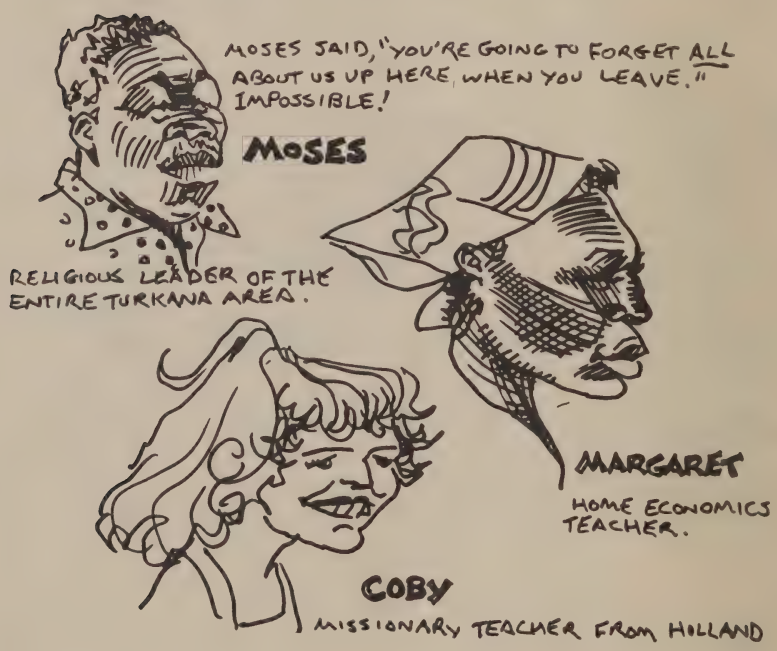
MARGARET + I TALK OF FEMINIST ISSUES
THE WOMEN OF AFRICA WORK FROM SUN TO SUN.
THERE IS STILL MUCH FEMALE CIRCUMCISION
(CUTTING OFF THE CLITORIS) CAUSING MUCH INFECTION.
THE HERDS AROUND HERE WERE KILLED OFF IN THE
DROUGHT OF 1980 AND THE MEN HAVE NOTHING
TO DO — VERY EMASCULATING FOR THEM. THERE
ARE WOMENS' MAGAZINES SPROUTING UP IN NAIROBI
AND MUCH ORGANIZING TO BETTER THE LOT OF
WOMEN IN AFRICA. LOTS OF SISTER-SUPPORT GROUPS.



NO ELECTRICITY, JUST LANTERNS. THE LAKE HAS
RECEDED 2 MILES BECAUSE OF A DAM IN ETHIOPIA.
SO, THE WATER GETS SALTIER, KILLING THE FISH +
INCREASING CROCODILE ATTACKS ON HUMANS* A $6 MILLION
"WHITE ELEPHANT" NORWEGIAN FISHERY BUILDING SITS
ALMOST EMPTY IN TOWN. BUT, SIGNS OF HOPE ARE HERE —
THE PEOPLE ARE PLANTING FRUIT TREES AND "BASKET BUSHES."
THE KIDS ARE BEING TAUGHT READING + USEFUL SKILLS.
THE LEADERS ARE DEDICATED AND SHARP — USING
LOTS OF PRAYER + FAITH.

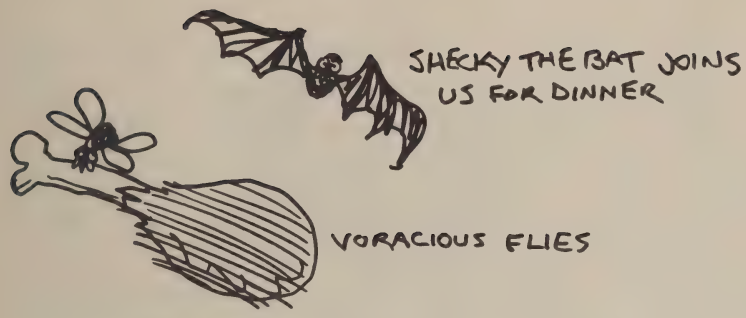
* 4 PEOPLE KILLED BY CROCODILES IN 2 WEEKS!

MAIN STREET, KALOKOL


MOSES SAID, "YOU'RE GOING TO FORGET ALL ABOUT US UP HERE WHEN YOU LEAVE." IMPOSSIBLE!
MOSES
RELIGIOUS LEADER OF THE ENTIRE TURKANA AREA.
MARGARET
HOME ECONOMICS TEACHER.
COBY
MISSIONARY TEACHER FROM HOLLAND

"A TOUGH ROOM"

NGISPAN
WAS NEAR DEATH WHEN BROUGHT IN A FEW MONTHS AGO. NOW FAT & HAPPY. THIS IS THE JOY OF THIS KIND OF HARD WORK FOR FRANCIS!



YES, WE SAW A CROCODILE (A) AND SOME HIPPOS (B)

MEATLESS CHICKEN

PETER
ASSISTANT CHIEF

FROM PREACHER TO
ASSISTANT HEADCRACKER.

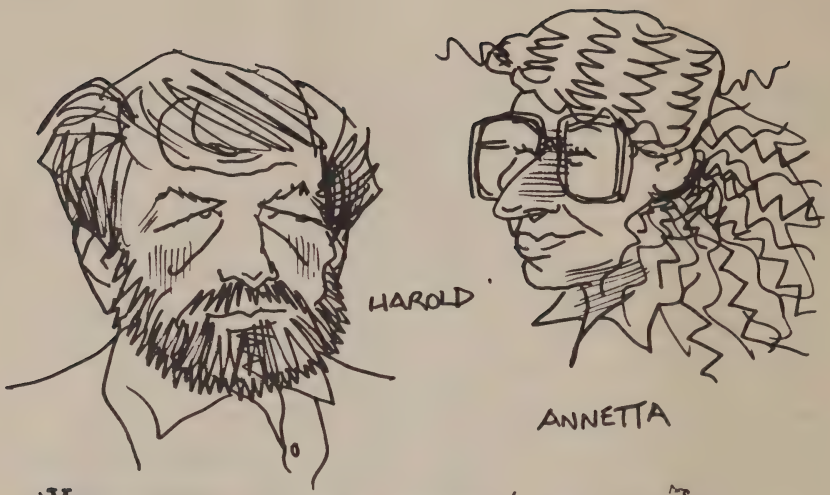
WE ARE NOW IN THE AIR OVER THE VAST WASTELAND OF NORTHERN KENYA, LEAVING OUR NEW FRIENDS BELOW US LIKE SPECKS OF DUST. WE REALLY ARE SMALL IN THE SWIRLING SCHEME OF THINGS. TURKANA WAS THE MOST UNUSUAL PLACE I'VE EVER BEEN. BRUTAL SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST, BUT LOVE & HOPE IS THERE BECAUSE OF THOSE DEDICATED CHRISTIANS. IT IS THE MOST REAL FAITH I HAVE EVER WITNESSED, BECAUSE THAT IS ALL THEY HAVE. WE HAVE SO MUCH, WE DON'T NEED GOD AS MUCH (WE THINK).

ALSO, WITH ALL THE HUNDREDS OF THINGS WHICH COULD HAVE GONE WRONG ON THIS JERRYBUILT TRIP, NOTHING DID I HAVE THE DISTINCT FEELING OF THE HAND OF GOD LEADING US AND THOSE WE CAME IN CONTACT WITH. I'VE NEVER FELT SO SAFE & SECURE, AND SOME DANGEROUS SITUATIONS COULD HAVE COME.

WHY WE CAME HERE I HAVE NO IDEA, BUT I SENSE A REASON. MAYBE WE BROUGHT SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO THE PEOPLE THERE, OR MAYBE SOME OF US WILL CHANGE FOR "THE GOOD" BECAUSE OF MEETING THEM. WE'LL SEE.

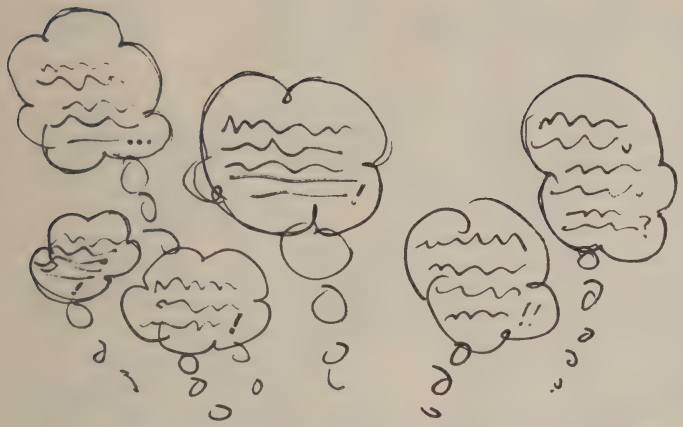
I'M EVOLVING A FEELING OF GRATEFULNESS FOR WHAT I HAVE AT HOME. I DON'T FEEL CALLED TO TURKANA, BUT CERTAINLY MOST OF MY $$$ GIVING WILL COME HERE.

WE ATE ANYTHING & EVERYTHING — SOME RAUNCHY STUFF - AND NO ONE GOT SICK! OR AS PATRICK SAID — "YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE GETTING A COLD OR STOMACH TROUBLE, AND IT VANISHES! AMAZING!



"MENNONITES ARE GREAT PEOPLE" WE HEAR OVER AND OVER. HAROLD & ANNETTA MILLER WORK FOR THE MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. HAROLD ROAMS ALL OVER AFRICA (FREE-LANCER) GETTING IDEAS ON "PEACE, FOOD & JUSTICE" ISSUES! JUST THINKING. HE LOVES IT—NO MORE ADMINISTRATION DUTIES. WRITES MANY ARTICLES ON THE SITUATION HERE, BUT TALKS VERY LITTLE—ONLY SHORT, PENETRATING & COMPLEX SENTENCES.

MAJOR POINTS BROUGHT UP IN OUR WRAP-UP MEETING IN AFRICA ① ALTHOUGH KENYA PRESIDENT MOI IS A "CHRISTIAN", HE HAS NO SYMPATHY FOR THE POOR AS SECULAR HUMANIST JOMO KENYATTA HAD ② RATHER THAN AIDING AN ETERNAL PARADE OF THE POOR, WE MUST GO TO THE SYSTEMS (GOVERNMENTS) THAT ARE THEIR SOURCE. MANY OF US CAN DO MORE GOOD IN POWERFUL AMERICA THAN IN THE WILDERNESS HERE. ③ GOOD MEN HERE CAN BE CORRUPTED LIKE MEN EVERYWHERE. ④ TOO MUCH EVANGELISING ON THE NEXT LIFE & NOT ENOUGH EMPHASIS ON HERE & NOW ⑤ PREACHERS SHOULD BE "DOWN IN THE DIRT" FRIENDS WITH THEIR CONGREGATIONS, NOT "ABOVE-IT-ALL" IMPORTANT PEOPLE.



FINAL TALK WITH LANI HAVENS ABOUT NEEDED PUBLICATIONS IN KENYA. HER IDEAS: ① NO PICTURE BOOKS FOR KIDS IN KENYA, WHEN THE UNDER-FIVE AGE RANGE IS CRITICAL IN A KIDS' DEVELOPMENT ② PEOPLE HERE ARE STARVING FOR **ANY** KIND OF BOOKS + THEY CAN BE SENT IN DUTY-FREE (UNLIKE CLOTHES). LIBRARIES HERE ARE A MAJOR PRODUCTION TO CHECK OUT A BOOK. ③ SIMPLE HOW-TO BOOKS WOULD BE A HUGE HELP — BUT BEST IN SWAHILI + WITH PICTURES THEY CAN RELATE TO, UNLIKE MOST OF THEIR WHITE + BRITISH BOOKS. REALLY **VIRGIN TERRITORY!**

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WE USED A LOT OF **HUMOR** ON THIS TRIP, ALMOST FOXHOLE HUMOR. IT WAS A GREAT ~~TENSION~~ RELIEVER, BUT I HAD FEARS THAT IT WOULD BLUNT THE FULL IMPACT OF WHAT WE WERE SEEING.

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MANY COMMENTS ABOUT NOT WANTING TO BE AT AMBOSELI. THE **CONTRAST** OF THE SAINTS WE HAVE MET WITH THE CALLOUS + SUPERFICIAL PEOPLE AT THE LODGE LET US KNOW THAT WE MAY HAVE BIG TROUBLE BACK HOME TOO.

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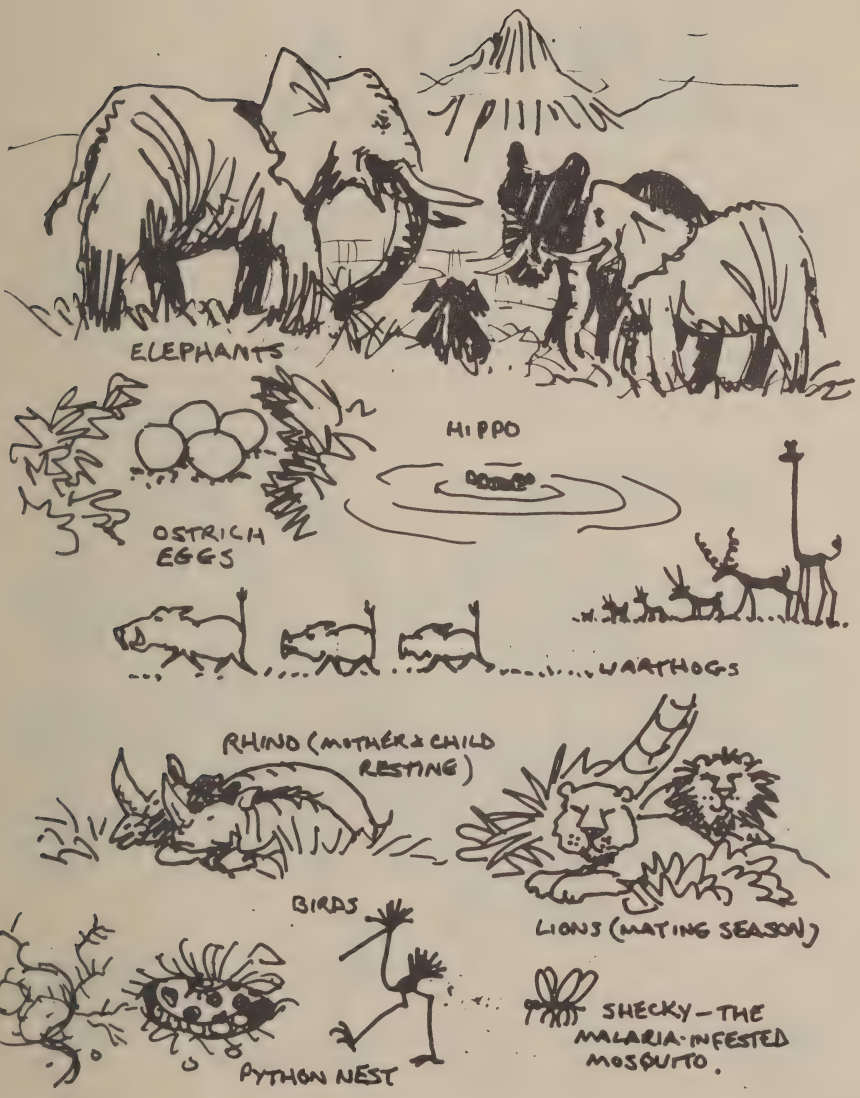
Amboseli Game Park

OUR ONE "TOURIST" DAY TO SEE THE ANIMALS & FIGHT THE GUILT. LESHE LEAVES THE SUMPTUOUS LUNCH AT THE LODGE IN TEARS. WE ALL FEEL SYMPATHETIC, BUT KEEP EATING.

CAPE BUFFALO AT MT. KILIMANJARO


ELEPHANTS
HIPPO
OSTRICH EGGS
WARTHOGS
RHINO (MOTHER & CHILD RESTING)
LIONS (MATING SEASON)
BIRDS
PYTHON NEST
SHECKY – THE MALARIA-INFESTED MOSQUITO.

INDIA

OR, I WANNA GO HOME!

WE ARE ON THE AIRPLANE FLYING TO BOMBAY, WHERE WE REST ONE DAY BEFORE FLYING TO CALCUTTA AND **MOTHER TERESA'S SISTERS OF CHARITY**. SHE WILL PROBOBLY BE THERE THIS TIME OF YEAR, AND WE WILL MEET WITH HER.

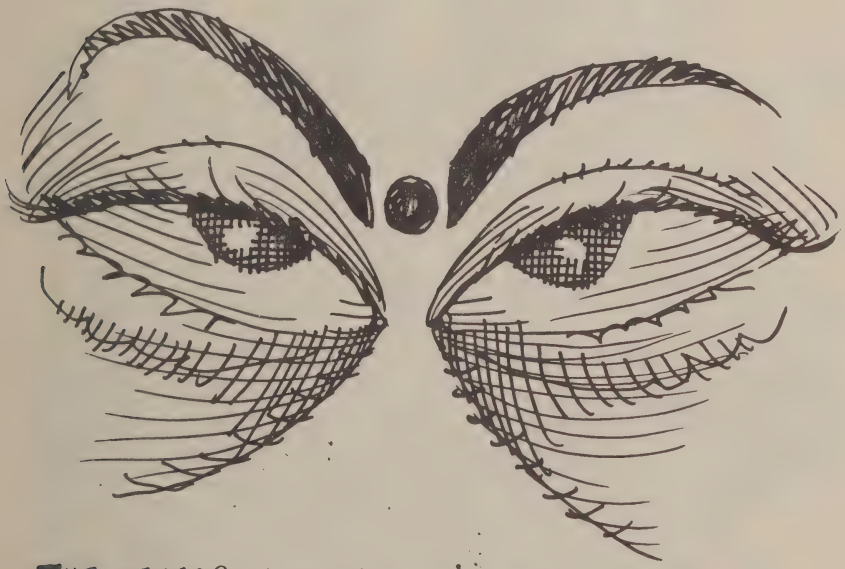
PATRICK, MICHAEL, BERNIE, NANCY, BETTY + DON ARE THE MEMBERS STILL ON THE TRIP. WE HAD A TEARFUL GOODBYE WITH THE OTHERS FLYING BACK TO THE STATES. WE WERE **FAMILY**.

I HAVE NO "**FEEL**" FOR INDIA, BUT HERE WE GO TO GOD KNOWS WHAT!

BOMBAY! URINE SMELL, SCREECHING BIRDS + TRAFFIC, HOSTILE FACES, OPEN SEWERS, **KILLER SLUMS!**

CALCUTTA

I HAVE A PROBLEM. I DONT LIKE THESE PEOPLE. MOTHER TERESA SAYS YOU MUST SEE CHRIST IN THEIR EYES. I SEE THE GLAZED, DEAD LOOK OF IGNORANCE, SUSPICION AND HATE. A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LOOK FROM LOVING AFRICAN EYES. HOW DO YOU SEE CHRISTIAN LOVE IN HINDU-MUSLIM EYES?



THE BEGGARS EITHER ANGRILY DEMAND OR PUT ON A FALSE SWEETNESS WHICH TURNS TO HATRED WHEN NOT GIVEN ANYTHING. MANY PEOPLE CUT OFF LIMBS TO MAKE MORE MONEY—EVEN THEIR CHILDREN'S LIMBS

HOLY COW! **CALCUTTA** IS AMAZING. THE ENERGY OF NEW YORK, AND SO RAUNCHY IT'S ALMOST CHARMING! BIZARRE SMELLS, SMOKE, TICKY-TACKY SHOPS, PEOPLE SLEEPING ON THE STREET, FIGHTS, DOGS, ETC.

10–12 MILLION PEOPLE HERE – 1 MILLION ON THE STREET. SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF **STREET BUSINESS** (KNICK-KNACKS, TOOLS, FOOD, ETC.) GOING ON – MUCH MORE TO SELL THAN IN AFRICA.

THREE NEW PEOPLE MEET US IN CALCUTTA, LOOKING AFRAID AND TENSE LIKE WE DID WHEN WE MET IN NEW YORK.

ROBERT • CATHOLIC PRIEST NOW WORKING WITH POOR BLACKS IN MISSISSIPPI – THE ONLY WAY HE FINDS CHRIST.

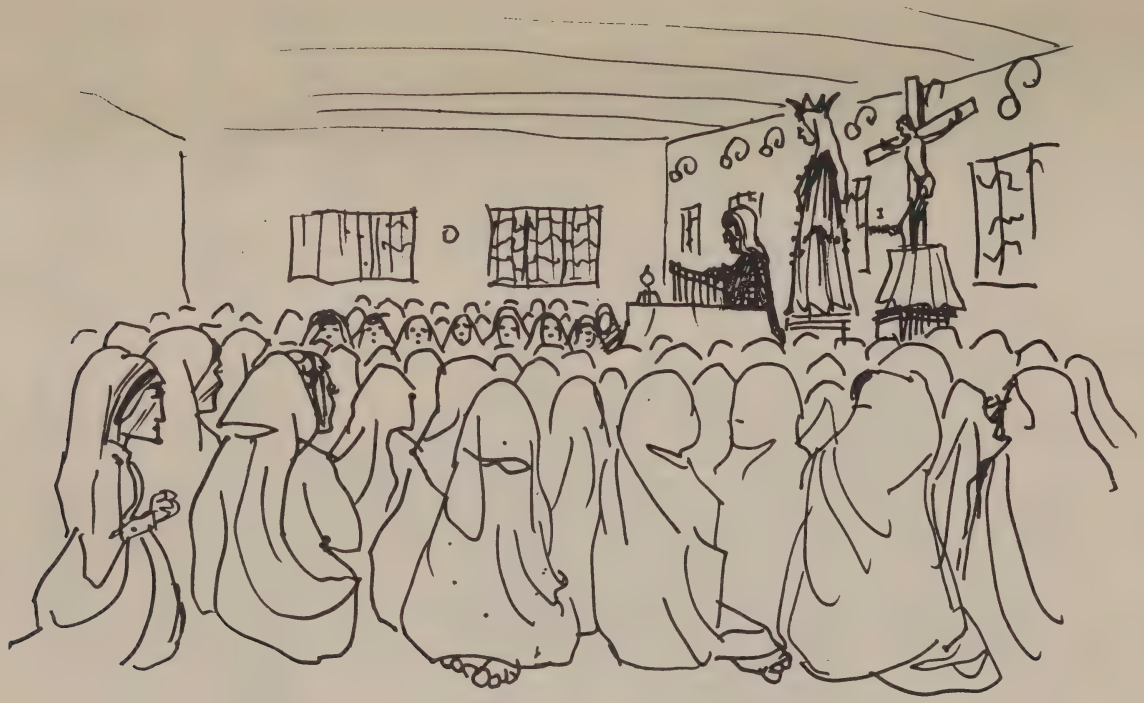
HELEN

75 YEARS OLD – FOUND GOD IN JUNG & NOW IN CHRIST. NO B.S. IN HER! OUR OWN MOTHER TERESA!

JANE

QUESTING, PROBING QUAKER. DOESN'T KNOW WHY SHE'S HERE, LIKE THE REST OF US. FAITH AGAIN!

MORE MIRACLES – MOTHER TERESA POSTPONES OUR MEETING UNTIL TOMORROW, WHICH GAVE US TIME TO SHARE WITH & KNOW THE NEW PEOPLE & VICE VERSA. THIS IS THE PROPER ORDER, AND AGAIN IT SEEMS LIKE GOD MAKING THE RIGHT THINGS HAPPEN IN THE RIGHT ORDER!!! SUCH AMAZING PEOPLE, TOO!



5:45 A.M. MASS AT
MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

MOTHER

WE SIT ON THE FLOOR IN A CIRCLE WITH MOTHER, BARELY ABLE TO HEAR HER. SHE'S STOOPED & TINY BUT EXUDES TOUGH LOVE & OPENESS. EASTERN EUROPEAN ACCENT & STARES A HOLE THROUGH YOU. HER MAIN FOCUS SEEMED TO BE ON THE AIDS SCARE. SHE IS COMING TO NEW YORK NEXT MONTH TO TALK ABOUT IT. SHE WARNS NOT TO BE AFRAID. IT REMINDS HER OF THE PROBLEMS WITH LEPROSY.

OTHER POINTS I COULD HEAR: ① WE WERE ALL CALLED HERE AND IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT WAS JUST FOR A SMILE & A HANDSHAKE. LOVING PRESENCE IS ALL THAT IS IMPORTANT — NOT GREAT WORKS

② SHOULD NOT HAVE COME IF OUR FAMILYS DIDN'T WANT US TO — THEY ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.

③ BERNIE WANTS TO GIVE HER A COMPUTER — SHE SAYS "NO, WE LIVE WITH THE POOR & WE MUST LIVE LIKE THEM!"

④ SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHY SHE IS MADE OVER SO MUCH AS OPPOSED TO OTHER GOOD NUNS — BUT, SHE ACCEPTS IT — "YOU DON'T DISCUSS THINGS WITH GOD, YOU OBEY!"

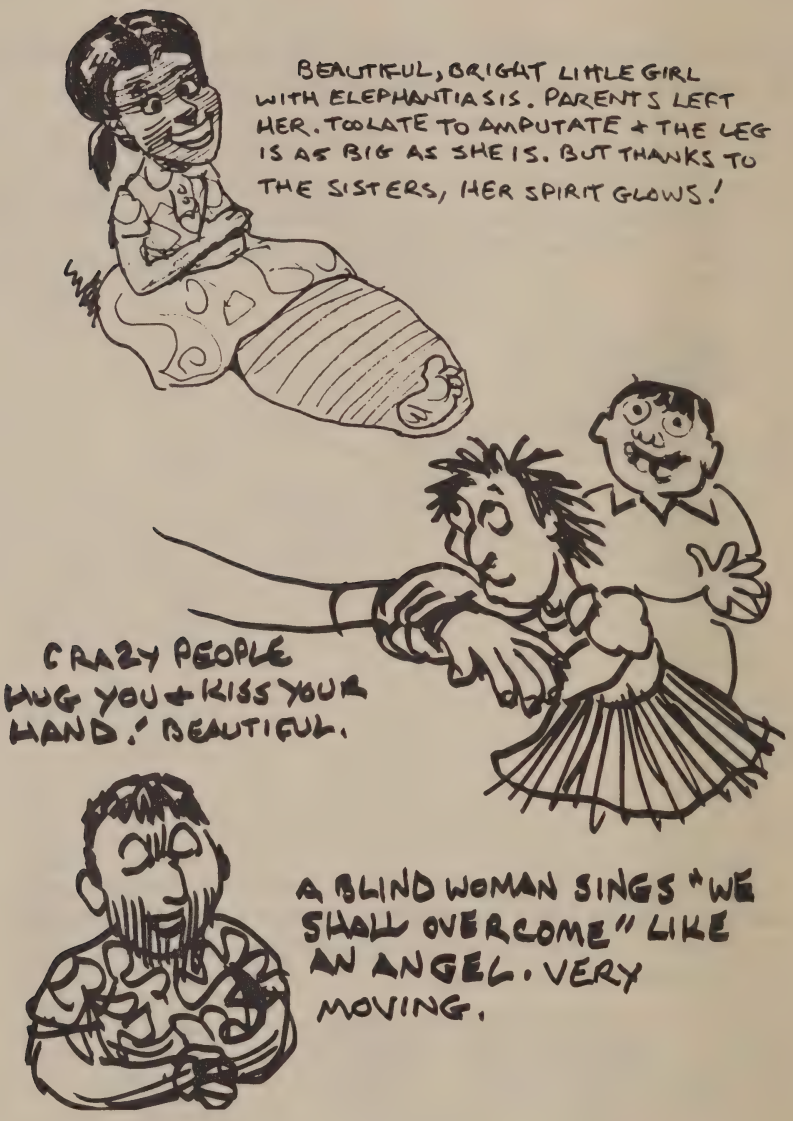
⑤ SHE SEES MY SKETCH OF MASS & SAYS "YOU FORGOT TO PUT 'I THIRST'!

⑥ MOTHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE DAY (ON A CHALK BOARD): "DON'T BE AFRAID TO LOVE UNTIL IT HURTS, FOR ONLY THIS LOVE CAN HELP YOU GROW LIKE JESUS."

WE VISIT THREE SISTERS OF CHARITY HOMES, TO PICK WHERE WE WANT TO WORK DURING THE NEXT WEEK

1. KALIGHAT - HOME FOR THE DESTITUTE + DYING. VERY BAD SMELL, FULL OF UNWANTED HUMAN SKELETONS. DEPRESSING BECAUSE NO LOVING + JOYFUL SISTERS WERE THERE AT THAT TIME OF DAY. 50/50 SURVIVAL RATE.

2. PREM DAN - WHERE THEY GO WHEN THEY RECOVER AT KALIGHAT PLUS MANY INSANE + HANDICAPPED. THE SISTERS WERE RADIANT AND THE PATIENTS WERE PICKING IT UP..


BEAUTIFUL, BRIGHT LITTLE GIRL WITH ELEPHANTIASIS. PARENTS LEFT HER. TOO LATE TO AMPUTATE + THE LEG IS AS BIG AS SHE IS. BUT THANKS TO THE SISTERS, HER SPIRIT GLOWS!
CRAZY PEOPLE HUG YOU + KISS YOUR HAND.' BEAUTIFUL.
A BLIND WOMAN SINGS "WE SHALL OVERCOME" LIKE AN ANGEL. VERY MOVING.

3. SHISHU BHAVAN – CHILDRENS HOME ... SICK, MALNOURISHED & DYING KIDS TO BRIGHT, HAPPY TWO YEAR-OLDS READY FOR ADOPTION. A CHEERY PLACE TO WORK, BUT THEY ALREADY HAVE TOO MANY VOLUNTEERS.

TUESDAY NOV 18TH

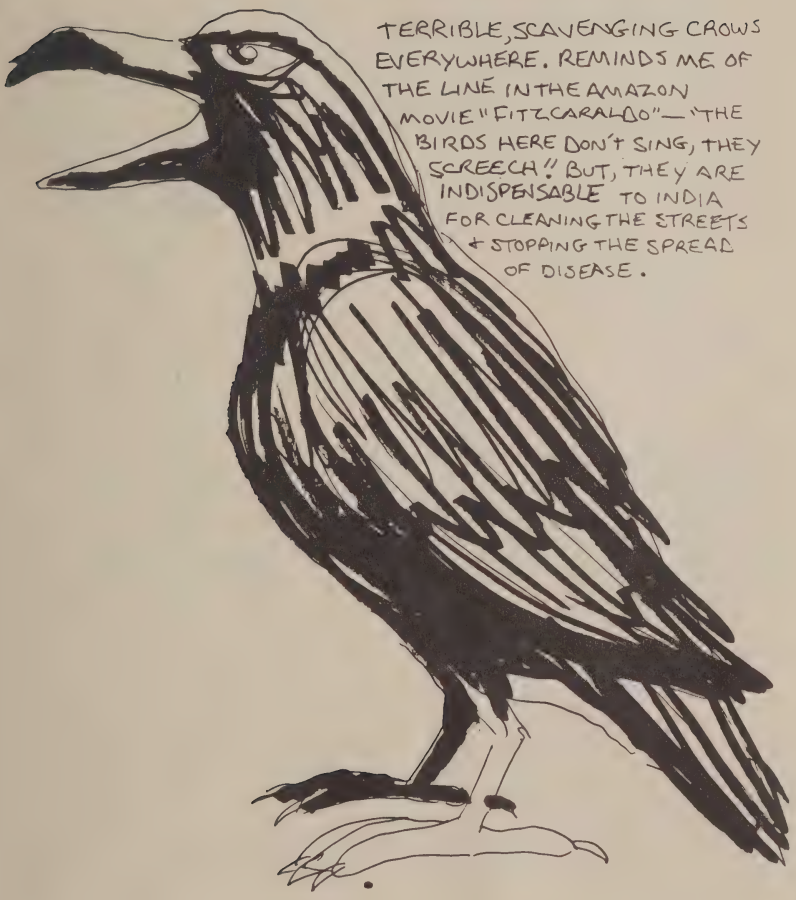
SHAVED OLD MEN WITH T.B. AT PREM DAN. HARD – MANY WRINKLES & CREVACES.

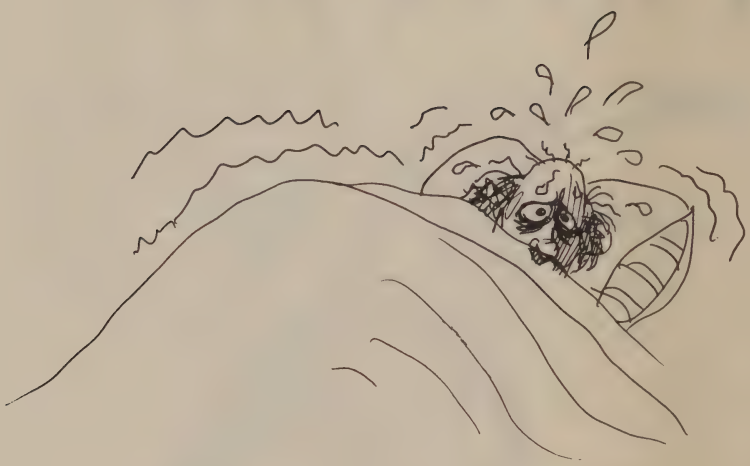
TWO OF MY UNSATISFIED CUSTOMERS

LOVE STORY

A VERY BRIGHT IRISH-INDIAN GUY + HIS LITTLE RETARDED + GRINNING SIDEKICK. THEY SEEMED INSEPERABLE EVEN THOUGH ONE COULDN'T TALK & ONE COULDN'T WALK. LIKE STEINBECKS "OF MICE & MEN". THE IRISH-INDIAN LOOKED DEEPLY SAD AS HIS LITTLE IDIOT FRIEND SLOBBERED + BABBLED HAPPILY. THE LITTLE GUY WAITED PATIENTLY AS HIS PAL CAUGHT UP WITH HIM. AGAIN, LOVE SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS.

AWK!

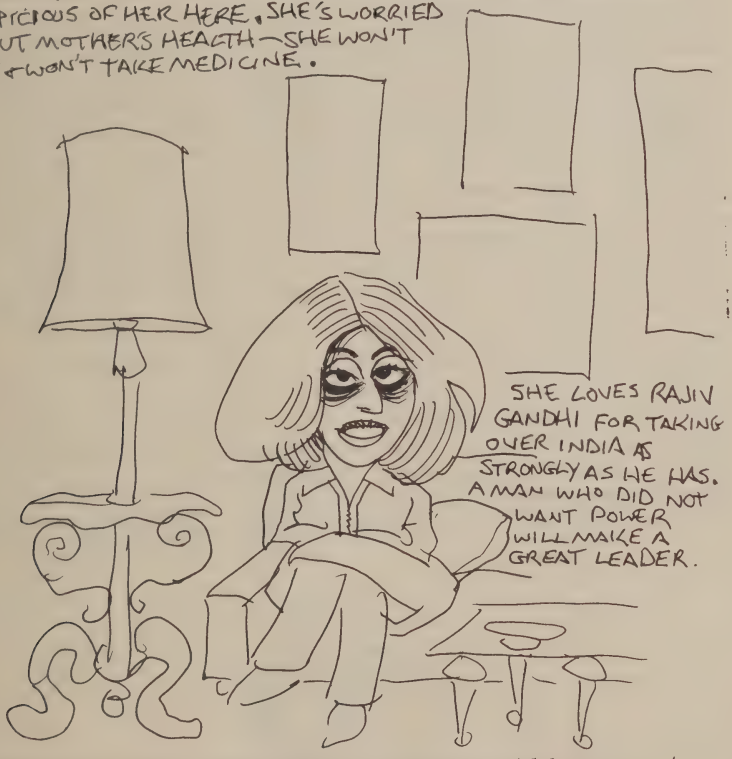

TERRIBLE, SCAVENGING CROWS EVERYWHERE. REMINDS ME OF THE LINE IN THE AMAZON MOVIE "FITZCARALDO" — "THE BIRDS HERE DON'T SING, THEY SCREECH!" BUT, THEY ARE INDISPENSABLE TO INDIA FOR CLEANING THE STREETS & STOPPING THE SPREAD OF DISEASE.



I'M DOWNED WITH WHAT FEELS LIKE MALARIA — ALTERNATELY FREEZING + BURNING UP. THE WORST STOMACH CRAMPS I'VE EVER FELT+WIERD HALLUCINATIONS. I FEEL MY DO-GOODING DAYS HERE ARE OVER.

MRS. SUNITA KUMAR

THE WEALTHY OF CALCUTTA WORK WITH MOTHER TERESA. WE GO TO HER HOME FOR TEA. WE ALSO LEARN WE ARE BEING "FOLLOWED" AGAIN LIKE WE WERE IN SUDAN (WHERE WORLD VISION HAD WORKED WITH THE CIA). WE ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO TALK MUCH ABOUT MOTHER TERESA. FOR VARIOUS STRANGE REASONS, THEY ARE VERY SUSPICIOUS OF HER HERE. SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT MOTHER'S HEALTH — SHE WON'T REST & WON'T TAKE MEDICINE.



"THE POOR ARE REALLY VERY HAPPY — THEY HAVE THEIR FAMILIES"

AFTER A FEW DAYS OF BEING AROUND MOTHER TERESA, SEEING HER WORK AND HEARING ABOUT HER FROM OTHERS, I AM CONVINCED SHE IS THE SAINT SHE IS SUPPOSED TO BE. SHE SENDS HERSELF & HER SISTERS TO VERY DANGEROUS MISSIONS, BUT HER FEELING IS SO THEY DIE & GO TO BE WITH JESUS? THE WAY SHE LIVES HER LIFE IS ALMOST A LITERAL COPY OF CHRIST'S LIFE: SHE REFUSES DAINTY MORSELS AT THE HOMES OF THE RICH, RIDES THE CROWDED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION HERE, WON'T SHUT WINDOWS TO KEEP OUT THE STREET NOISE OF CALCUTTA DURING MASS, HAS NO FINANCIAL ADVISERS—KEEPS EVERYTHING IN HER HEART + HEAD AND CALLS PEOPLE AT ALL HOURS WITH HER INSPIRATIONS. AGAIN SHE REPEATS THE OFT-TOLD LINE OF LIVE FOR THE DAY — THE PAST IS GONE & WE DON'T KNOW OF THE FUTURE. HER SISTERS ARE VERY CAPABLE OF CARRYING ON HER WORK AFTER SHE IS GONE—SHE HAS TRAINED THEM WELL. SHE DOESN'T PUSH ANYONE TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING OR DO MORE THAN THEY CAN COMFORTABLY DO & KEEPS STRESSING THAT OUR FAMILIES + LOVED ONES BACK HOME ARE WHAT ARE MOST IMPORTANT. SHE OPERATES LIKE DON MCCLANEN — ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SPIRIT AS OPPOSED TO MAN-MADE LOGIC — SHE MOVES WHEN SHE FEELS MOVED. SHE HAS NO REAL HOME & NO LIMOSINES WILL MEET HER IN NEW YORK NEXT MONTH — SHE WILL STAY WITH HER SISTERS, AND AIR INDIA WILL FLY HER FREE. SHE DOESN'T WANT TO USE HER "KENNEDY CONNECTIONS", BUT SHE PROBABLY SHOULD TO GET MORE AIDS PUBLICITY.

BERNIE

BERNIE: "I FEEL LED TO KALIGHAT."

BOB: "WHY"

BERNIE: "BECAUSE IT'S THE HARDEST"

BOB: "MY EXPERIENCE WITH LORD IS HE ONLY PUSHES US INTO THYNGS THAT ARE EASY FOR US!"

BERNIE LEAVES KALIGHAT AFTER 5 MINUTES. HE SEES SOMEONE IN A SURGICAL MASK AND IS AFRAID FOR HIS HEALTH. THEN HE BLAMES DON & MICHAEL FOR NOT PROTECTING OUR HEATH AND OTHER "RULES OF TRAVEL". DOESN'T COME TO GROUP SHARING ANYMORE.

WALKER DIAMANTI
UNITED STATES CONSUL GENERAL

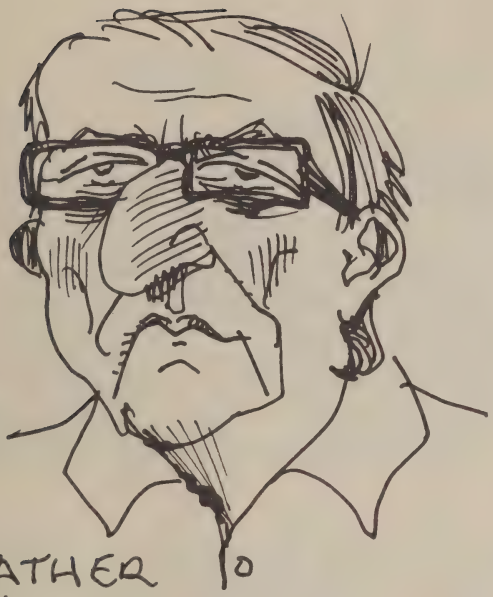
MOTHER TERESA IS INTO SEE HIM FOR FOOD, AND SHE PRAISES MINISTRY OF MONEY. SO, DOORS ARE OPENED & WE ARE ALL INVITED OVER FOR LUNCH!

CALCUTTA (BENGAL) IS AN ELECTED COMMUNIST STATE. NOTHING WORKS HERE ANYMORE. ONCE IT WAS THE INDUSTRIAL CENTER OF INDIA UNDER THE BRITISH. MOSTLY HINDU, BUT ASO MANY MUSLIMS. THEY GET ALONG O.K. BECAUSE GANDHI WAS HERE A LOT. CONSIDERED THE CULTURAL CENTER OF INDIA. NOT AS MUCH CASTE DISCRIMINATION HERE.

BEAUTIFUL HOME & GROUNDS. ATE A SUMPTUOUS MEAL WITH WALKER, HIS WIFE & "GRANDMA". TOURED THE GARDENS WITH POOL. HE IS A HUMOROUS MAN AND HIS WIFE IS QUITE SHARP. THEY KNEW ALBERT SCHWEITZER WHEN THEY WERE STATIONED IN AFRICA AND HE DID NOT COMPARE FAVORABLY WITH MOTHER. HE WAS A RACIST & TREATED MOSQUITOS BETTER (REVOLVING SCREENS) THAN PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE DID NOT LOVE HIM AS THEY DO MOTHER. HE WOULDN'T SPEND ANY MONEY UPGRADING HIS FACILITIES.

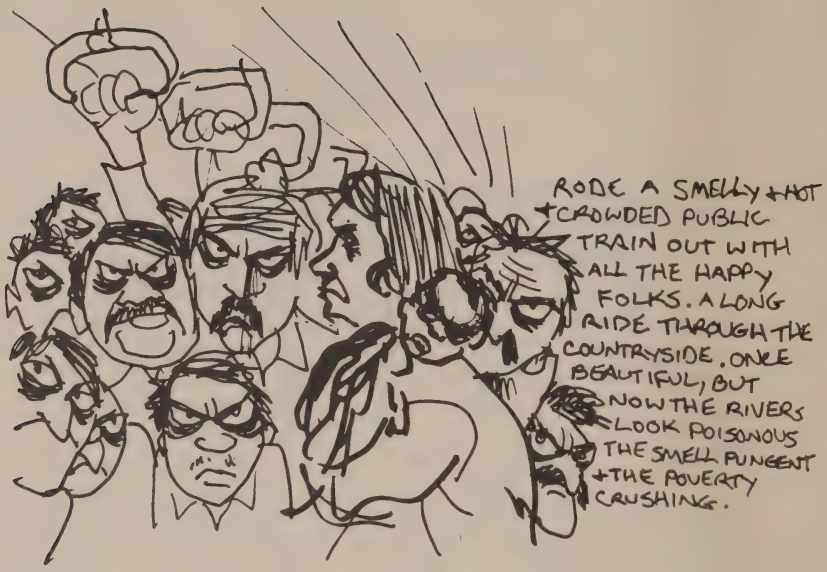
DIAMANTI FOUND SAMOZA (NICARAGUA) TO BE A FINE & HONORABLE MAN. **UH-OH!** A COMPANY MAN.

P.S. BERNIE COMES TO LIFE HERE.



FATHER D'CAMPO

GAVE US A TOUR OF THE CITY. LATER HE & I TALK TO A DRUNK WHO HAPPENED TO BE QUESTING FOR CHRISTIAN ANSWERS. "WHAT IS SALVATION? YOU ARE A PRIEST, TEACH ME!" HE ASKED. FATHER ANSWERED, 'YOU HAVE BEEN BRAINWASHED BY PRIESTS — YOU CAN GO TO GOD DIRECT. YOU ARE AS "IMPORTANT" AS ME.' THE GUY WOULDN'T ACCEPT THIS, INSISTING SOME HUMAN MUST BE ABLE TO HELP & GUIDE HIM. FATHER LEFT & I STAYED ON, TO NO AVAIL. DRUNKS AREN'T GOOD LISTENERS AS I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN!


RODE A SMELLY + HOT + CROWDED PUBLIC TRAIN OUT WITH ALL THE HAPPY FOLKS. A LONG RIDE THROUGH THE COUNTRYSIDE. ONCE BEAUTIFUL, BUT NOW THE RIVERS LOOK POISONOUS THE SMELL PUNGENT + THE POVERTY CRUSHING.

LEPROSARIUM

RUN BY MISSIONARYS OF CHARITY BROTHERS

DUNG PATTIES DRYING FOR FUEL

ANOTHER AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT BY MOTHER. 20,000 LEPERS ARE TREATED HERE. WHAT SEEMED LIKE A MILE OF LOOMS TO MAKE SISTERS' OUTFITS & PATIENTS CLOTHES. LOTS OF VEGETABLES GROWING, HUNDREDS OF PIGS, AND A FISHERY. ALL THIS GOES TO SUPPORT MOTHER'S PROGRAMS HERE. THE BROTHER IN CHARGE HERE IS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE SAINTS. THEY ALL HAVE THE SAME SELFLESS GLOW.

SUNDAY A.M.
JANE & I, QUAKERS, FEEL "CHURCH" CAN BE ANYWHERE. SO WE GO TO AN OLD 18TH CENTURY CEMETARY & TALK.

THE END

I WENT ON THIS TRIP TO FIND SOMETHING "REAL". I WANTED TO STRENGTHEN MY FAITH AND POSSIBLY WORK IN THE THIRD WORLD, EVEN IF THAT MEANT GIVING UP MY ART FOR A WHILE. WHAT I FOUND WAS THAT THERE IS A PLACE FOR WHAT I DO IN AFRICA AND THERE ARE GRANTS AVAILABLE. WHAT I WILL DO ABOUT IT WILL COME IN TIME — I WILL PONDER THIS TRIP FOR A LONG TIME TO COME. I FOUND REAL SAINTS WORKING IN REMOTE AREAS, MOTHER TERESAS NO ONE WILL EVER HEAR ABOUT. MY INITIAL GUILT OVER BEING AMONG THE WORLD'S FORTUNATE GAVE WAY TO THE POSITIVE FEELING OF GRATITUDE. I SEE THE DIFFERENCE IN "HOT MONEY" (GIVING TO PEOPLE OR CAUSES YOU HAVE INTIMATE CONTACT WITH) AND "COLD MONEY". I FOUND MY SKEPTICISM OF ESTABLISHMENT CHURCHES AND GROUPS IN GENERAL IS WELL-FOUNDED, BUT THAT I CAN WORK WELL IN A GROUP WHOSE MOTIVES ARE PURE, SUCH AS THE SEARCHING PEOPLE I WENT ON THIS TRIP WITH. LIFE, DEATH, PAIN, REDEMPTION AND HOPE WE SAW IN THE PEOPLE WE CAME IN CONTACT WITH. IT LED TO GREAT AWARENESS IN OUR OWN LIVES. WE FELT THEIR PAIN AND OUR OWN, AND WE GREW.

MOTHER TERESA'S TALK

When the group met with Mother Teresa, one woman recorded her words in shorthand. The following is a transcript of Mother Teresa's speech.

It is very important for you to be really holy and have Christ live in us so we can have His presence wherever we are. God loves us so much. He gave His son Jesus. Now He gives us that love, and you must let Him have a free hand with you. Not giving up everything — that's not important. What is important is compassion and presence. The world has never needed you so much as today. Give Him a free hand so He can use you. It's not how much you spend or how much you give up, but how much you love Him. It isn't Big Plans, but just letting Him use you today — not tomorrow may be, but just today.

There are millions of people in the United States. Why did He choose you? I don't know, but He did choose you to come and work. This is not a social work but a work of compassion. Your business is to give Him a free hand so He can use you. It does not matter how small. Even if you shake someone's hand or touch someone or give a glass of water in My name, it is enough. Jesus said, "If you feed the hungry, you feed Me." May be you do not see the hungry in America, but I see the hungry everywhere. There is not only hunger for food, but I see a big hunger for love. That is the greatest hunger, to be loved. Through the compassion of Jesus, you can be used in your country for the plan of love and compassion. Why did God choose you? He wants you to be real missionaries. Look at this great gift of God to you. Listen to the voice of God. He is always speaking to us. He wants from us deep love, compassion and forgiveness. He wants from you love and compassion in your own country. Open your eyes. Where are the weak and dying? Organize something in your own city. We are opening a house in New York for AIDS victims, especially the children. May be you are afraid like many have been afraid of leprosy. Many of your families are afraid. The doctors have explained all about AIDS to the Sisters. It is important to go into this work with confidence. There is now a big problem with suicide. Already two men have jumped from a tall building where they found out they had AIDS. If you are afraid, offer that fear to God. Do not force yourself. If you force yourself, you may be more pre-occupied with the forcing than with the loving. What I tell the Sisters, "Lest you get it, then you will die and go to heaven."

God wants to use you without consulting with you first. We always want to consult with Him. Give Him a free hand. If your family objects to your working with AIDS people, please do not do it. Your family comes first. God is speaking to us through this disease — as well as through abortion.

God has chosen you for His purpose. Keep your heart very clean so you can see the face of God. "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God." You are touching the heart of God in the United States and in Calcutta. Remember you are touching Him when you work and your life is being turned around.

In the home for AIDS we want to create hope for the person and acceptance in the hearts of the people. We must give them hope — always hope — and remove the bitterness that is harming them when they are being avoided by everyone — just like lepers. Compassion, love, understanding — that is what is important.

Mother Teresa

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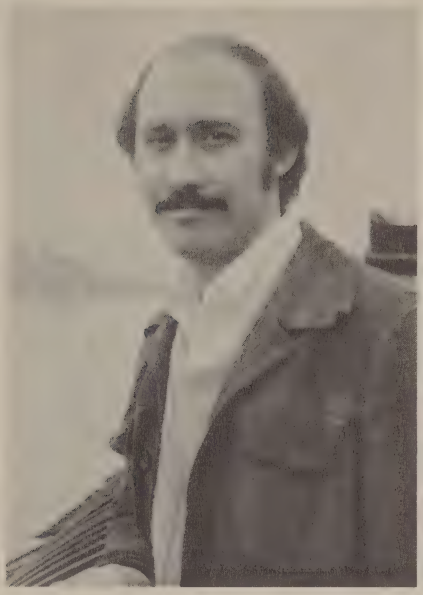

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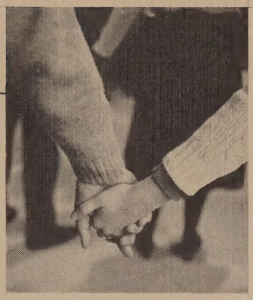

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